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In re the Application of: ) Customer No. 27717  
Kenneth George Brash )  
Serial No.: 10/582,320 ) Art Unit: 3721  
Filed: February 26, 2007 ) Examiner: Paradiso  
For: RESIDUAL GAS REMOVAL )  
METHOD )

TO: MAIL STOP: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 23, 2008, applicant's attorney has attempted to call Ms. Liles, Legal Instruments Examiner, at (571) 272-4364 on several occasions without receiving a response. Accordingly, we hereby make our response in writing:

We do not understand the basis of the non-compliant amendment.

The Amendment recently filed in this application by facsimile on August 19, 2008 was deemed non-compliant in that "... Claims 29-73 not in 6/9/08 amendment." Also it is alleged that status identifiers are absent.

Another Amendment was filed in this case, dated June 9, 2006, not 2008, as stated by the Examiner. However, by our file copy of this Amendment, all 73 claims are present and properly identified as to their status. Also, all status identifiers are present in the August 19, 2008 amendment.

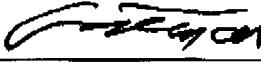
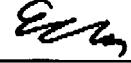
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Accordingly, we need further communication from the Examiner to confirm what the problem is and to correct it. If pages are missing from the PTO copy of the June 9, 2006 Amendment, we of course are ready and willing to provide new copies.

Respectfully submitted,

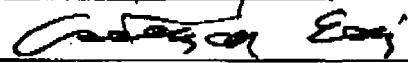
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